

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, undated, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. (Paris 1882) My dear Papa:

Come back to Ellie soon, Ellie love Papa, goodbye from Elsie.

her mark.

My dear Alec:

I cannot possibly leave until the end of this week I have too much to do and am getting along so nicely with my porcelain painting that I cannot bear to give it up a moment. sooner than I can help. I shall not have another chance you know, there are no good porcelain painters in America for all the talk there.

Charlie was out of bed today for two hours and not very tired after it.— Hurrah — The doctors say if all goes well he may travel on Saturday, spending a night in Boulogne. And I can't bear to leave my mother one moment sooner than I must, you have no idea how happy it has made me being here among them all. I do not think you realize how much they are to me. You are bound up in your work, it is sufficient for you, but mine is not so to me. I have not got the nurse yet, telegraph me the agency Mme. Brequet told you of. I am convinced Maria Day won't do. I had rather cross with a seaman's wife for the voyage indeed I don't believe any other woman I could get would be of any use on the voyage, still I must get some one. It is but fair to Mamma to say she has not influenced me at all she has been too much afraid of you, she has advised me to take her in fact, 2 but I am quite certain she will not do.

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Papa says you do not look at all badly. I was sorry to see you had declined so many invitations, do accept every one and have a good time, don't come down it is waste of time and money, I will come all right.

Lovingly your, Mabel.